



GREITENS RESIGNS

‘I KNOW I AM NOT PERFECT, BUT I HAVE NOT BROKEN ANY LAWS NOR COMMITTED OFFENSES WORTHY OF THIS TREATMENT. FOR THOSE WHO WOULD BE MOVED TO VENGEANCE, LET US ALLOW HISTORY AND GOD TO BRING JUSTICE.’

GOV. ERIC GREITENS



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Gov. Eric Greitens leaves the podium after announcing his resignation in the governor's office on Tuesday in Jefferson City. He said he would step down from the office at 5 p.m. Friday.

RISE AND FALL

Trouble lurked between the lines of Greitens' perfect story

BY KEVIN McDERMOTT
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

From the start, Eric Greitens' story sounded like something from the book jacket of a not-quite-believable political thriller: *Handsome young Rhodes scholar-turned-war hero — who also worked with refugees in Rwanda, land mine victims in Cambodia and Mother Teresa in India — goes home and gets elected governor to clean up corruption.*

But in politics, as in life, things that look too good to be true generally are.

Greitens' stunning rise in politics over the past three years was the culmination of a life of remarkable achievement, including decorated service in the elite Navy SEALs, the founding of a respected national nonprofit and authorship of several best-selling books.

To his many supporters in academia,

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Republican Gov. Eric Greitens, stepping down amid turmoil after 17 months in office, said he was the victim of "legal harassment."

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TURBULENT 17 MONTHS

Announcement comes as surprise as scandals swirl

BY JACK SUNTRUP AND KURT ERICKSON
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JEFFERSON CITY • Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens on Tuesday abruptly announced he is stepping down effective 5 p.m. Friday in the face of an impeachment effort, an adverse judicial ruling and criminal investigations.

"The last few months have been incredibly difficult for me, for my family, for my team, for my friends, and many, many people that I love," he said, saying he was the victim of "legal harassment."

"I have not broken any laws or committed any offense worthy of this treatment," he asserted.

Greitens, a Republican, rocketed onto Missouri's political scene in 2015, promising to take on "career politicians" and a culture of "corruption" in Jefferson City. A year after taking office, his own administration became engulfed in

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